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SEVEN, NINTH DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, APRIL 4, 1978

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1. SUMMARY: FIRST DRAFTING GROUP MEETING SINCE RETURN OF
EXPERTS WAS HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 4. US EXPERTS MADE
BRIEF PRESENTATIONS ON PROTECTIVE FIELD EXERCISES, DECLAR-
ATION OF STOCKS, AND DECLARATION OF FACILITIES. SOVIETS
MADE NO PRESENTATION AND DEFERRED RESPONSES TO US
QUESTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. FIRST DRAFTING GROUP MEETING SINCE RETURN OF EXPERTS
FROM CONSULTATIONS IN CAPITALS (DRAFTING GROUP MEETING
NO.9) WAS HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 4. US EXPERTS MADE THREE
BRIEF PRESENTATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

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A. PROTECTIVE FIELD EXERCISES. LEONARD SOUGHT CLARIFI-
CATION OF SOVIET VIEWS ON USE OF TOXIC CHEMICALS IN FIELD
EXERCISES CONDUCTED "WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF TROOPS".
HE ASKED FOR EXPLANATION OF TERM "FIELD EXERCISE" AND
FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON THE INTENDED SCALE AND FREQUENCY
OF SUCH EXERCISES, AS WELL AS ON THE AMOUNT AND MANNER
IN WHICH TOXIC CHEMICALS WOULD BE USED.

B. DECLARATION OF STOCKS. DRAWING ON APPROVED GUIDANCE PAPER, MIKULAK PRESENTED US VIEWS ON INFORMATION WHICH SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN THE DECLARATION OF STOCKS TO BE MADE AFTER THE CONVENTION ENTERS INTO FORCE.

C. DECLARATION OF FACILITIES. REFERRING TO LIST OF HYPOTHETICAL TYPES OF FACILITIES GIVEN TO SOVIETS AT FIFTH DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, LEONARD PROVIDED US VIEWS ON WHICH FACILITIES WOULD HAVE TO BE DECLARED AND DESTROYED. STATEMENT WAS RESPONSE TO SOVIET QUESTION LEFT OVER FROM DRAFTING GROUP MEETING IN FEBRUARY.

3. AKALOVSKY (ACTING HEAD OF US DEL) ALSO REMINDED SOVIET DELEGATION THAT PREVIOUS US QUESTION CONCERNING THE CONTENT OF THE SOVIET-PROPOSED DECLARATIONS OF "CAPABILITIES" HAD NOT YET BEEN ANSWERED.

4. SOVIET DELEGATION MADE NO PRESENTATION AND DEFERRED COMMENT ON US PRESENTATION TO LATER DATE.

5. FOLLOWING THE MEETING, SOVIET DEPUTY DEL HEAD (KRASULIN) TOLD AKALOVSKY THAT SOVIET DEL HAD RECEIVED THEIR INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW ONLY THAT MORNING AND NEEDED TIME TO STUDY THEM BEFORE ANY REAL WORK COULD BEGIN IN EITHER THE DRAFTING GROUP OR PLENARY SESSION.
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6. NEXT DRAFTING GROUP MEETING SET FOR AFTERNOON, THURSDAY, APRIL 6. VANDEN HEUVEL

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